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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application No.	09/672,523
Filing Date	September 27, 2000
First Named Inventor	Kuriacose Joseph
Group Art Unit	3626
Examiner Name	Alexander G. Kalinowski
Attorney Docket Number	5214P001R

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other Preliminary Amendment

2. Miscellaneous

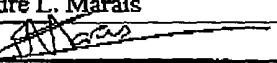
- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
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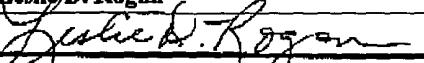
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From: André L. Marais

Date: March 18, 2003 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. (PST)

Operator: Leslie Rogan (x-214) **Atty Docket:** 005214.P001R

Number of pages including cover sheet: 66 (part 1 of 2)

US Patent Application No.: 09/672,523

Enclosed are the following documents: Request for Continued Examination,
Fee Transmittal, Preliminary Amendment and Response to Final Office Action
And Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Examiner Kalinowski:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed are the documents which were filed
 on February 20, 2003.

As mentioned in the voice mail message I left for you, I will be sending
 this in two batches as our fax machine cannot process all the documents at once.

Please feel free to contact me or André if you need any further assistance,

Leslie Rogan

Assistant to André L. Marais

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 750.00)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	20* = 0	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3* = 0	84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 64	2204 42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		0.00	

*or number previously paid, # greater. For Reissues, see below

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
2053 130	2053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1605 1,840*	1605 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1263 530	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1264 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1404 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	2451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,200	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 255	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1490 130	2450 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808 180	1808 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	1809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.128(a))	
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.128(b))	
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	750.00
Other fee (specify)			
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid			
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)		750.00	

Complete (if applicable)

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